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VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. WE SEE NOTHING IN FIRST 8 PARAS OF TEXT TO WHICH USG
WOULD OBJECT. WE QUESTION IDEA UNDERLYING PARA 9, THAT IT
WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO SEEK OVERT INSPECTION OF ANY MEASURES
APPLICABLE OUTSIDE CENTRAL EUROPE, BEFORE THERE IS AGREE-
MENT AMONG ALLIES ON WHETHER TO ADVANCE ANY SUCH MEASURES

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AND, IF SO, WHICH. WE WOULD THUS LIKE TO SEE THIS PARA

BEGIN, "ALLIES MIGHT CONSIDER SEEKING AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE OVERT INSPECTION, "ETC. FOR SIMILAR REASONS, WE PREFER THAT PARA 19 (DEALING WITH VERIFICATION OF ASSOCIATED MEASURES) INDICATE THAT ALLIES" MIGHT CONSIDER" EFFECTS OF OVERT VERIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS ON POSSIBLE VERIFICATION OF STABILIZING MEASURES AND NOT IMPLY THAT THERE IS ADVANCE ALLIED AGREEMENT THAT SUCH MEASURES MUST BE VERIFIED. OUR COMMENTS BELOW ON INSPECTORATES AND STAFFING WOULD ALSO APPLY HERE.

2. RE PARA 10, IT SEEMS PREMATURE TO SPECIFY NATIONAL ORIGIN FOR INSPECTORATE STAFFING OR TAKE POSITION ON INTEGRATED INSPECTORATES. REF PARA 10 WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED

THAT ASSIGNMENT OF PACT LIAISON OFFICERS TO NATO INSPECTION TEAMS WOULD SERIOUSLY DEGRADE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. THESE QUESTIONS DO NOT, IN OUR VIEW, NEED TO BE DECIDED NOW.

3. WE DO NOT OBJECT TO PARAGRAPH 12, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT "VERIFICATION ACTIVITIES," REFERS TO OVERT INSPECTION. WE WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ALLIES WITH US INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS THROUGH ESTABLISHED CHANNELS.

4. THE JUDGMENT IN PARAGRAPH 7 ABOUT THE NEED TO CAREFULLY EXAMINE EACH POSSIBLE NEGOTIATED INSPECTION MEASURE TO DETERMINE ITS ACCEPTABILITY TO NATO, SHOULD, IN OUR VIEW BE REFLECTED IN THE OUTLINE IN PART IV, PREFERABLY AS A SEPARATE HEADING, E.G. "ACCEPTABILITY TO NATO."

5. IN PARA 14, WE BELIEVE THAT WORD QUOTE PREJUDGE UNQUOTE SHOULD BE CHANGED TO QUOTE INFLUENCE UNQUOTE SINCE THE EFFECT OF PHASE ONE VERIFICATION MEASURES ON PHASE TWO WILL BE DEPENDENT ON MANY FACTORS.

6. WE WOULD PREFER THAT SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 18 BEGIN QUOTE IT COULD UNQUOTE RATHER THAN QUOTE IT WOULD UNQUOTE SINCE MODALITIES OF VERIFICATION FOR POST-REDUCTION LEVELS WILL DEPEND ON THE CHARACTER OF THE REDUCTIONS THEMSELVES.

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